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because the costs were unpredictable." And that is exactly what we are talking about. That is the services that the counties are still going to pay for. Then in 624 Governor Kerrey saw that the state could not afford an immediate takeover of the Medicaid, the emergency assistance, catastrophic illness and general assistance. The total cost of these programs in 1983 was \$22 million. LB 604 provided a four-year takeover of Medicare...Medicaid only and left all other programs to be financed as they were prior to LB 522 in 1982. Thus the counties pay the full cost of general assistance including the medically indigent portion, share of the cost of catastrophic illness program, 50 percent federal and 25 percent state and 25 percent county and share the cost of the emergency assistance with the federal government. So this is a bunch of baloney that we have broken our promises or the counties have because there was no promise made when this whole thing started. And I think it is ridiculous that Senator Johnson now wants to turn the whole thing back to the counties. It might not have been such a bad idea, at least we had some control over it then.

SPEAKER NICHOL: It is past ten-thirty so we are going to go to our Select File for a while and if we get through before noon, we will come back right where we left off. We are keeping track of the speakers as they were. We will move to...yes, do you have something, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, yes, sir. Senators Chronister and Beutler would like to print amendments to 1064. (See pages 1392-93 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Chambers would like to add his name to LR 235 and Senator Wagner to LB 1008.

LR 287, Mr. President, by Senator Marsh. (Read LR 287 as found on page 1393 of the Legislative Journal.) That will be laid over, Mr. President.

Mr. President, on Select File the first item I have...

SPEAKER NICHOL: LB 645. Senator Harris, would you help us